UNITED ESTATE DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
X
HILLAIR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

VERIFIED
ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS

Index No.: 12 CIV 7164

INTEGRATED FREIGHT CORPORATION, SMITH SYSTEMS TRANSPORT, INC., MORRIS TRANSPORT, INC., CROSS CREEK TRUCKING, INC., PAUL HENLEY, HENRY P. HOFFMAN AND MATTHEW A. VEAL,

Defendants.	
	X

Defendants, INTEGRATED FREIGHT CORPORATION, SMITH SYSTEMS TRANSPORT, INC., MORRIS TRANSPORT, INC., CROSS CREEK TRUCKING, INC., PAUL HENLEY, HENRY P. HOFFMAN and MATTHEW A. VEAL, by and through their attorneys, LEDWITH & ATKINSON, answering the Complaint of the plaintiff herein, allege and show the Court as follows:

- 1. Admit to each and every allegation contained in the paragraph of the plaintiff's Complaint numbered 3, 18, 19, 20, 21.
- 2. Denies each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint numbered 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71.
- 3. Denies any knowledge or information thereof sufficient to form a belief as to each and every allegation contained in the paragraphs of plaintiff's Complaint numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

4. Liquidated damages provisions must bear a reasonable relation to actual damages or it is penal in nature and void as a matter of law. The liquidated damages set forth by plaintiff are void as a matter of law.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. The plaintiff has failed to state a claim.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of waiver and/or estoppel.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. Plaintiff's claims are barred by laches.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. Defendant reserves the right to add any additional defenses during discovery or at any other point up to and including the time of trial.

AS AND A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. PAUL HENLEY, HENRY P. HOFFMAN and MATTHEW A. VEAL acted within the scope of their employment in this matter. The Business Judgment Rule applies to their defense.

WHEREFORE, the defendants demand judgment as follows:

- A. Dismissing the Complaint of the plaintiff in its entirety.
- B. For its costs and costs and disbursements in this action, including reasonable attorney's fees; and
- C. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just, proper and equitable.

Dated: Lynbrook, New York January 4, 2013

Yours, etc.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of New York State, state that

I am THOMAS D. ATKINSON, the attorney of record for defendants INTEGRATED FREIGHT

CORPORATION, SMITH SYSTEMS TRANSPORT, INC., MORRIS TRANSPORT, INC., CROSS

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in the within action; I have read the foregoing DEFENDANTS' VERIFIED ANSWER and know

the contents thereof; the same is true to my own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated

to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe it to be true. The reason

this verification is made by me and not by defendant is that defendant does not reside within the

county wherein your deponent maintains his office. The grounds of my belief as to all matters not

stated upon my own knowledge are as follows: information and data in attorney's file. I affirm that

the foregoing statements are true, under the penalties of perjury.

DATED:

Lynbrook, New York

January 4, 2013

THOMAS D. ATKINSON

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Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 130-131.-a, the undersigned, an attorney admitted to practice in the Courts of New York State, certifies that, upon information and belief, and after reasonable inquiry, the contentions contained in the annexed documents are not frivolous

VERIFIED ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS

Dated:

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